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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that county auditors be elected on a
2 nonpartisan basis and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 39.17, Code 2016, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **39.17 County officers.**

4 1. There shall be elected in each county at the general
5 election to be held in the year 1976 and every four years
6 thereafter, ~~an auditor and a sheriff, each~~ to hold office for a
7 term of four years.

8 2. There shall be elected in each county at the general
9 election to be held in 1974 and each four years thereafter, a
10 treasurer, a recorder, and a county attorney ~~who shall,~~ each to
11 hold office for a term of four years.

12 Sec. 2. Section 39.21, Code 2016, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **39.21 Nonpartisan offices.**

15 1. There shall be elected at each general election, on a
16 nonpartisan basis, the following officers:

17 ~~1- a.~~ County public hospital trustees as required by
18 section 347.25.

19 ~~2- b.~~ Soil and water conservation district commissioners
20 as required by [section 161A.5](#).

21 ~~3- c.~~ County agricultural extension council members as
22 provided in [section 176A.6](#).

23 ~~4- d.~~ Township officers as provided in section 39.22,
24 subsection 2.

25 2. There shall be elected in each county at the general
26 election to be held in the year 2016 and every four years
27 thereafter, on a nonpartisan basis, an auditor, to hold office
28 for a term of four years.

29 Sec. 3. Section 69.14A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
30 1, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

31 A vacancy in any of the offices listed in [section 39.17](#) or
32 in the office of auditor shall be filled by one of the two
33 following procedures:

34 Sec. 4. Section 69.14A, subsection 4, Code 2016, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 4. Notwithstanding [subsections 1 and 2](#), if a nomination
2 has been made at the primary election for ~~an~~ a partisan office
3 in which a vacancy has been filled by appointment, the office
4 shall be filled at the next general election, and not at any
5 special election in the same political subdivision.

6 Sec. 5. Section 331.501, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 1. The office of auditor is ~~an~~ a nonpartisan elective office
9 except that if a vacancy occurs in the office, a successor
10 shall be elected or appointed to the unexpired term as provided
11 in ~~chapter 69~~ section 69.14A.

12 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill provides that county auditors shall be elected
18 on a nonpartisan basis beginning with the general election in
19 November 2016. The bill also provides that vacancies in the
20 office of auditor shall be filled in the manner provided for
21 partisan county offices.

22 The bill takes effect upon enactment.